



Draft MOU between the
Government of
Liberia and
_____ Concerning
Fishing Activities in the
Fisheries Waters of
Liberia

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA REPRESENTATED BY THE BUREAU OF NATIONAL FISHERIES, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND _____ [Company and/or Association (Hereinafter XXX)] CONCERNING FISHING ACTIVITIES IN THE FISHERIES WATERS OF LIBERIA

This memorandum of understanding is entered into this _____ day of _____ A.D. 2012 by and between the Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as “the Government”), represented by its authorized officer, the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Florence A. Chenoweth, Republic of Liberia, and the foreign company _____, represented by its legal representative, authorized agent, _____, represented by its _____ of the city of _____, county of _____, Republic of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”).

Whereas the Bureau of National Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the development and management of the fisheries resources of the Government;

Whereas the company plans to fish for tuna in the Liberian fisheries waters and, for this purpose, intends to apply for licenses to operate foreign-flagged fishing vessels in the fisheries waters of Liberia from the Bureau of National Fisheries;

Now therefore the parties hereto covenant and mutually agree on the following terms and conditions covering fishing activities by fishing vessels operated by the company, under conditions more particularly described in the schedule to this MOU, within the territorial waters and exclusive economic zone of Liberia (hereinafter referred to as the Fisheries Waters).

ARTICLE 1: JURISDICTION AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 The Company recognizes and accepts the sovereign jurisdiction of Liberia over the living marine resources within the fisheries waters of Liberia in accordance with Liberian law, including the New Fisheries Regulation, 2010; all following national laws; and international law.

1.2 Save as hereinafter provided, the company, its officers, employees, and agents shall comply with all relevant laws and regulations of Liberia, and legal frameworks promulgated thereunder, in particular applicable fisheries laws and regulations and the terms and conditions of this MOU.

1.3 Except as hereinafter provided all definitions of terms and phrases set forth in the New Fisheries Regulation, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulation”) shall apply to this MOU.

1.4 For the purposes of this MOU:

(a) “Coordinator” means the Coordinator of the Bureau of National Fisheries;

(b) “fishing” means:

- (i) searching for, catching, taking or harvesting fish;
- (ii) attempting to search for, catch, take or harvest fish;
- (iii) engaging in any other activity which can reasonably be expected to result in the locating, catching, taking or harvesting of fish;
- (iv) placing, searching for or recovering fish aggregating devices or associated electronic equipment such as radio beacons;
- (v) any operations at sea directly in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in subparagraphs (i) to (iv), including transshipment;
- (vi) use of any other vessel, vehicle, aircraft or hovercraft, for any involving the health and safety of the crew or the safety of a vessel.

(c) “fishing vessel” means any vessel used or intended for use for the purpose of fishing, including support ships, carrier vessels and any other vessel directly involved in such fishing operations;

(d) “fishing trip” means any period commencing with the departure of the vessel from port for the purposes of beginning a fishing trip to such time as any or all of the fish on board the vessel are unloaded from the vessel, either ashore or onto another vessel;

(x) “fisheries waters” means the waters over which the Republic of Liberia exercises jurisdiction or sovereign rights as declared in relevant national laws.

(e) “Operator” means any person who is in charge of, directs or controls a vessel, including the owner, charterer master, and agent;

(f) “transshipment” means the unloading of all or any of the fish on board a vessel to another vessel either at sea or in port;

(g) “tuna and tuna-like species” means those species that are defined by and of direct concern to ICCAT; and

(h) “FAD” refers to Fish Aggregating Devices.

This MOU includes the Schedule and Appendices to this MOU which shall be an integral part hereof.

ARTICLE 2: SCOPE

2.1 The purpose of this MOU is to clarify conditions for commercial tuna fishing operations in the Liberian fisheries waters, and to facilitate licensing and compliance of Company vessels.

2.2 Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this MOU, up to **<insert number of vessels>** vessels of the company flagged to an ICCAT member state may be licensed to engage in fishing operations within the fisheries waters for a maximum period of twelve (12) months. Up to **<insert number of vessels>** fuel supply vessels may provide fuel and other supplies to Company vessels.

2.3 This MOU shall govern fishing for tuna and tuna-like species in the fisheries waters by vessels of the Company using the _____ method of fishing only, authorized by a license.

2.4 This MOU governs activities in the fisheries waters of Liberia, and does not confer any rights allowing fishing activities in the Inshore Exclusion Zone (IEZ) of Liberia.

ARTICLE 3: DURATION

3.1 The duration of this MOU is three (3) years subject to review and renewal by the government, every year, and commences from the date of signature of this MOU by the Minister of Agriculture.

3.2 Upon the expiration of the period herein granted this MOU may be renewed for a period of one year under terms and conditions to be agreed upon.

3.3 As required by the Liberia Fisheries Regulations, 2010, fishing licenses issued under this MOU shall have a maximum duration of twelve (12) months, which shall commence at the earliest January 1st and always end December 31st of the same year.

ARTICLE 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMPANY

4.1 The Company shall ensure that its vessels do not fish in the Liberia fisheries waters without first obtaining fishing licenses in accordance with the laws and regulations of Liberia.

4.2 The Company shall ensure that vessels of the Company comply with all current and future applicable laws and regulations of Liberia, including the provisions of this MOU and any licensing conditions.

4.3 The Company shall operate in Liberian waters only those vessels flagged to an ICCAT member state and the Company shall ensure that these vessels comply with all relevant ICCAT recommendations, including vessel, observers, FAD management plans, catch and capacity limits, and all other applicable measures.

4.4 In the event that a judgment or other determination has been duly entered against a Company vessel, its crew or officers by the courts of Liberia for any violations of applicable laws or regulations, the Company shall be liable for prompt satisfaction of such judgment or determination.

4.5 The Company shall, at the request of the Government, take all reasonable measures to assist in the investigation of an alleged breach of any applicable laws and regulations of Liberia including an alleged breach of any provision of this MOU by a Company vessel, its crew or officers and shall promptly communicate all the requested information to the Government.

4.6 The Company shall maintain for the duration of this MOU an agent who shall receive and respond to any legal process relating to the foreign fishing vessel, its owner, operator, master and/or crew in accordance with subsection (3) of the Liberian regulations. The Company shall notify the Coordinator of the name and address of such agent and any communication,

information, document, direction, request or response to or from that agent shall be deemed to have been sent to or received from the owner, master or charterer of the vessel concerned, as the case may be.

4.7 The Company shall ensure that each vessel of the Company licensed to fish pursuant to this MOU is appropriately and adequately insured against all risks and liabilities including, but not limited to, collision, protection and indemnity, and oil pollution liability insurance.

4.8 The company shall be required to pay license and other fees for each company vessel as is specified in section 5.1.

4.9 All reporting and communications shall be in English.

ARTICLE 5: FEES

5.1 The Company shall pay to the Government a licensing fee in accordance with Section 23(1) and Schedule 3 of the Liberian Fisheries Regulations in respect of each vessel licensed under this MOU for the period of this MOU.

5.2 The fee referred to in paragraph 5.1 shall be non-refundable, regardless of the cancellation of any permit or permits during the licensing period.

5.3 All fees payable by the Company to the Government under this MOU shall be paid in full, regardless of any deductions or withholdings.

ARTICLE 6: ISSUE OF FISHING LICENCES

6.1 Subject to the other provisions of this MOU and the laws and regulations of Liberia, the Government may issue fishing licenses to the vessels of the Company specified in the Schedule hereto to allow said vessels to fish in the fisheries waters. Licenses will not be issued to vessels of the Company that are not listed in the Schedule to this regulation.

6.2 In respect of each vessel under this MOU, the Company shall cause to be completed a separate application for a license to fish in the fisheries waters in the form attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

6.3 The completed license application forms and additional information described in this Article shall be forwarded to the Coordinator of the Bureau of National Fisheries by hand or email.

6.4 Any fishing licenses issued by the Minister in respect of vessels authorized under this MOU will be in the form set out in **Appendix B**. Every license issued under this MOU shall be maintained in good condition and the original copy shall be prominently displayed on the vessel in respect of which it is issued as soon as reasonably feasible and in no case longer than one month in a place where it can be readily inspected and is safe from the elements, and until that time shall maintain and display a clear copy.

6.5 Pre-license inspections will be required for all company vessels in Year 1 of this MoU. In Year 2 fifty percent (50%) of Company vessels will be required to submit to the pre-license

inspection. In Year 3 the remaining fifty percent (50%) of Company vessels will be required to submit to the pre-license inspection.

ARTICLE 7: REPORTING CONDITIONS

7.1 The operator of every licensed company vessel shall provide to the Coordinator information relating to the position of, and catch on board, the vessel by email to fmc@liberiafisheries.net in the form prescribed in **Appendix C** at the following times:

- (a) at least 24 hours prior to entry into the fisheries waters;
- (b) daily while within the fisheries waters;
- (c) at least 24 hours prior to the estimated time of entry into port in Liberia or other port of offloading; and
- (d) upon departure from the fisheries waters.

7.2 Within 24 hours of completion of each fishing trip, a trip completion report shall be transmitted to the Coordinator in the form prescribed in **Appendix C**.

7.3 The operator of every vessel licensed to fish under this MOU shall duly complete in the English language a daily report while operating in the Liberia fisheries waters. This shall be submitted in the form prescribed in **Appendix D** of all catch in the fisheries waters and (where in the course of a fishing trip the vessel fishes on the high seas and in the fisheries waters) on the high seas and shall certify that the information contained in such reports is true, complete and accurate.

7.4 An authorized copy of the catch log shall be forwarded to the Coordinator within 45 days of the completion of each fishing trip.

7.5 Every vessel issued with a fishing license pursuant to this MOU shall maintain on board current fishing logs which can be easily understood by observers of the Government. Such logs shall contain, in English, a record of every instruction, direction or requirement communicated to the master by Liberian authorities while the vessel is in the fisheries waters as well as the following information relating to the activities of the vessel during the day:

- (a) the fishing effort of the vessel;
- (b) the method of fishing used;
- (c) the areas in which fishing was undertaken;
- (d) the quantity of each species of fish taken; and
- (e) such other information as the Coordinator may from time to time require.]

7.6 Any data reports collected by observers from other countries or institutions engaged in collecting information on board company vessels operating under this MOU while they are conducting fishing operations in the fisheries waters must be provided to the Liberia Observer who shall submit this information to the Government of Liberia at the end of each fishing trip.

ARTICLE 8: OBSERVERS

8.1 Upon request by the Government duly authorized Liberian observers shall be placed on board vessels in respect of which licenses to fish have been issued under this MOU.

8.2 While the Liberian observers shall be used in the first year of the MOU in the fisheries waters, the company shall during the period consent to contribute to funding the establishment and operation of a Regional Observer Program for the West Africa sub-region.

8.3 The operators of purse seine vessels licensed under this MOU shall provide the observer, while on board the vessels, at no expense to the Government, with food, accommodation and medical facilities of such reasonable standard equivalent to that provided for the officers of the vessels. The operators shall pay to the Government the full costs of the observers, including salary and full insurance coverage.

8.4 The operator and each member of the crew of a purse seine vessel in respect of which a license to fish has been issued under this MOU shall allow and assist observers pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article to: (a) board the vessel for scientific, compliance, monitoring and other functions at the point and time notified by the Government to the Party to this MOU; (b) have full access to and the use of facilities and equipment on board the vessels which the observer may determine is necessary to carry out his or her duties provided that the observer shall neither interfere with the lawful operation of the vessel nor violate relevant laws and regulations of New Fisheries Regulation, 2010; (c) have full access to the bridge, fish on board and areas which may be used to hold, process, weigh or store fish; (d) have full access to the vessel's records including its log-books and other documentation for the purpose of inspection or copying; and (e) gather any other information relating to fisheries in the fisheries waters or on the high seas without unduly interfering with the lawful operation of the vessels.

8.5 No operator or crew member of a vessel from the Company shall assault, obstruct, resist, deny, refuse boarding to, intimidate or interfere with an observer in the performance of his or her duties.

8.6 The Company shall be held responsible for any casualty or personal injury to any observer resulting from the vessel operator's or crew member's negligence; provided, however, that liability of the vessel, her master or her owner under traditional principles of maritime law shall not be affected or diminished.

8.7 The Company will not be held responsible for any casualty or personal injury to observers resulting from the observer's own negligence or force majeure.

8.8 For each Company vessel, the Company will provide the Liberian authorities biannually with complete observer reports on catches of target and non-target species taken in the Liberian fisheries waters, as produced by the Observers on board the vessels from IEO, AZTI or IRD (*insert as appropriate full name of organization*)

ARTICLE 9: ENFORCEMENT

9.1 The master and each member of the crew of a vessel operating under this MOU shall comply with every instruction and direction given by an authorized and identified Fisheries Officer or Police Officer, including to stop, to move to a specified location, and to facilitate safe boarding and inspection of the vessel, its license, gear, equipment, records, facilities, fish and fish products. Such boarding and inspection shall be conducted as much as possible in a manner so as not to interfere unduly with the lawful operation of the vessel. The operator and each member of the crew shall facilitate and assist in any action by an authorized Fisheries Officer or Police Officer and shall not assault, obstruct, resist, delay, refuse boarding to, intimidate or interfere with an authorized Fisheries Officer or Police Officer in the performance of his or her duties.

9.2 Vessels licensed to fish under this MOU shall comply with the 1989 FAO standard specifications for the marking and identification of fishing vessels. In particular the international radio call sign of the vessel, or, if the vessel does not have a radio call sign, its signal letter shall be painted in white on a black background, or in black on a white background on the port and starboard sides of the vessel's hull or superstructure in block letters not less than one (1) metre in height in such a manner that the markings are clearly visible from the air and at sea level.

9.3 At all times while the vessel is in the fisheries waters all parts of these marking shall be clear, distinct and uncovered.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSHIPMENT AND OFFLOADING

10.1 No vessel operating under this MOU shall land at any port or place in Liberia without the express written permission of the Coordinator.

10.2 Vessels licensed under this MOU shall not transship at sea.

10.3 Any offloading of catch that takes place in Liberia shall take place only at the Port of Monrovia. If catch is offloaded outside of Liberia, the port of offloading must be reported to the Coordinator at least 24 hours prior to arrival in said port, and in the Catch Report referred to in Article 7. All offloading of fish harvested under this MOU must be conducted in the presence of a Liberian-appointed inspector. The Company must provide the necessary funding of this Liberian inspector if the offloading takes place outside of Liberia.

10.4 The Company shall provide to the Coordinator information relating to the catch offloaded in such form as may be prescribed by the Coordinator. Such information shall include details of the catch offloaded by weight by species, rejected catch, cargo manifest and packing list for onward shipment and final destination of the catch transshipped.

10.5 At the request of the Coordinator, vessels permitted to offload in Liberia, or export catch from Liberia, shall make available, at the prevailing domestic market price, a portion of the catch on board for domestic consumption in Liberia.

ARTICLE 11: RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING OPERATIONS

11.1 The Company shall ensure that no vessel of the Company or person on board a vessel of the Company takes, kills or molests any marine mammal, turtle or sea-bird during any fishing trip during which the said vessel enters the fisheries waters.

11.2 In order to protect local and artisanal fishing operations, the Government may from time to time, after consultation with the Company in writing, close certain areas in the fisheries waters to certain types of fishing operations. Where such closed areas have been established pursuant to this paragraph, no fishing shall take place. The Company shall notify the Government at least 24 hours prior to the entry of a vessel into or departure of a vessel from a closed area for transit purposes only.

11.3 The use of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs), including deployment and retrieval, while in the Liberian fisheries waters may only be conducted with the written permission of the Coordinator. To receive this permission, the Company must submit an official request to the Coordinator for each Company vessel that wishes to utilize FADs. The Company is required to submit biannual reports on the number of FADs deployed and the numbers of FAD sets for each Company vessel. In addition, the FAD management plan of the flag state of the authorized fishing vessels that is required by ICCAT must include the relevant information on FAD use during fishing in the Liberian fisheries waters and a copy must be submitted to the Government.

11.4 Taking into account the dependence of the people of Liberia on the marine living resources found in the fisheries waters for their food and livelihood, the Company shall ensure its vessels adopt all reasonable measures to minimize catches and injury of non-target species, including the use of equipment and techniques shown to be effective in minimizing catches of non-target species and enhancing post-release survival. The Company shall ensure that the operators of all vessels authorized to fish pursuant to this MOU report full details of all catches of non-target species, including non-fish species. Further, the vessels operating under this MOU shall retain on board all tuna and tuna-like species caught during a fishing trip, regardless of size and/or marketability.

11.5 The Company shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that its vessels operating under this MOU do not in any way interfere with or damage the fishing activities and fishing gear of the artisanal fishing vessels and people of Liberia. Any incidents of this nature must be immediately reported to the Coordinator by email or HF radio.

11.6 Taking into account the objective of the Government to build capacity of Liberian nationals to conduct fishing operations on _____ vessels, and the goal of optimizing employment in the fishery sector, the Company shall:

- (a) Consent to sponsor at least 3 members of the Liberia Seamen's Union, on yearly basis, to recognized maritime institutions in the sub-region or in the country of origin of the company, for development of capacity and standards at par with that required by the company for engagement of crew members on board the company's vessels;
- (b) Pay compensation to the Liberia Seamen's Union at a rate of US\$500/month for 3 persons for each company vessel registered in lieu of employment opportunities for Liberians onboard the vessels registered by the company.

ARTICLE 12: CONFIDENTIALITY

All information, data and statistics received by the Government pursuant to this MOU shall become the property of the Government. However, the Government undertakes that all such information, data and statistics will remain confidential to the Parties to the MOU and shall not be disclosed to any third party for purposes other than national and regional fisheries management. After the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of expiry of this MOU, the Government may use data received pursuant to this MOU for the purpose of scientific publications and as necessary in relation to national and regional fisheries management.

ARTICLE 13: CONSULTATIONS AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

13.1 The Government and the Company shall hold consultations relating to the implementation of this MOU within two (2) weeks of a request by the Government or the Company.

13.2 In the event of any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of any of the provisions of this MOU, the two parties shall endeavor to settle such dispute through peaceful consultations.

13.3 In the event that it is not possible to settle a dispute by consultations between the two parties the dispute shall be referred to the Ministry of Justice in accordance with the laws of Liberia.

ARTICLE 14: REVIEW

14.1 This MOU may be reviewed or amended at any time by mutual agreement between the two parties.

14.2 The Company shall inform the Government immediately of any change in the details provided to the Government pursuant to Article 3.2 including, in particular, any change in the financial relationship or the corporate structure of any entity of the Company and any change in the contractual or other relationship between the Company and the owners of the vessels operating under the MOU.

14.3 In the event of a material change in circumstances the Government reserves the right to cancel or suspend the licenses issued pursuant to this MOU. The Government may require additional information from the Company and may require the deposit of a financial guarantee or other form of security for the continued operation of the vessels licensed under the MOU.

ARTICLE 15: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND EXTENSION

15.1 This MOU shall enter into force on the date it is signed by the Minister and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years thereafter, conditioned upon review and re-approval by the Government annually.

ARTICLE 16: TERMINATION

16.1 Either party may terminate this MOU by serving one (1) month's notice of its intention to terminate the MOU on the other party. In the event of termination by either party for whatever reason there shall be no refund of fees paid or payable under this MOU.

16.2 Government reserves the right to terminate this MOU or any and all vessel license issued under this MOU for cause of violation of the Liberian fisheries regulations.

16.3 If the MOU is terminated then fishing licenses shall be valid until their expiry date, with the exception of the following circumstances:

- (a) Whereby the Government has terminated the MOU for violations of the Regulations. Under these conditions all Company vessel licensed can be terminated by the Government.
- (b) Whereby a new agreement has developed that incorporates Company vessels. Under these conditions it may be necessary to re-license vessels under the terms of the new agreement.

ARTICLE 17: OBLIGATION OF THE PARTIES

17.1 It is faithfully agreed that all parties shall fulfill their respective obligations under the terms and conditions of this MOU. It is further agreed by both parties that failure by either party to perform its duty(ies), function(s), responsibility(ies) herein contained in this MOU, the affected party shall notify the other party in writing for the first time, and where not addressed by the concerned party within 10 days, the affected party shall have the rights to terminate this MOU and institute legal action against said party for breach of duty or the MOU, and the costs of litigation including legal fees shall be undertaken by the affected party.

17.2 It is also agreed that all communications to either party shall be in writing and serve on the party in person or its business office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by the respective parties, have signed this MOU in this day of 2011.

Minister of Agriculture

For Foreign Company

Names of vessels

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APPENDIX A LICENSE APPLICATION FORM (SCHEDULE 2; SECTION 20(1) OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS)

1. Full name of the fishing vessel
2. Previous names of the fishing vessel, if known
3. Registration number
4. Port of registry
5. Has the vessel identified above flown the flag of another State or States within the last three years? YES_____. NO_____

If yes, provide the following information for each period during which the vessel operated under such other flag or flags.

 - a. Period: Beginning mm-dd-yyyy; End mm-dd-yyyy
 - b. Vessel Name
 - c. Flag
 - d. International Radio Call Sign
 - e. Homeport
 - f. Owner Name, Address, Phone, Fax
 - g. Operator Name, Address, Phone, Fax (If necessary provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper)
6. International radio call sign
7. Vessel communication types and numbers (Inmarsat A, B and C numbers and satellite telephone number, fax)
8. Identifying code letters and/or numbers used for identification during radio transmission
9. Type of Vessel Monitoring System installed. (Model and serial numbers)
10. Navigation and position fixing aids
11. Name and address of the owner(s) of the vessel
 - a. Name and mailing address of owner, date and place of birth, phone, fax
 - b. if company is owner, name and registered address of company, date and place of incorporation, phone fax
12. Full name, address and nationality of each person who is an operator of the vessel, state whether owner, charterer, master or other (if other, please state details)
13. Normal crew complement

14. Vessel type

15. Vessel specifications

- a. material of construction
- b. date and location of build
- c. length (Please indicate type: LOA, length between perpendiculars, registered length, etc.)
- d. gross registered tonnage
- e. power of main engine or engines
- f. hold capacity
- g. moulded depth and beam
- h. carrying capacity
 - i. freezer type, capacity and number
 - ii. fish hold capacity

16. Fishing gear description

- a. types (as defined by the International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gears)
- b. gear specifications
- c. quantity

17. Authorization or license granted by the flag State

- a. Form and number
- b. Period of validity
- c. Specific area(s), species and time periods for which it is valid

18. Full name and address of insurer

19. Registration number and make of helicopter, if any, to be carried on the vessel

20. Registration number, make and name and address of any operator of any aircraft to be used in association with fishing activities

21. State whether the owner or charterer is insolvent or in any bankruptcy proceeding under the laws of any State

22. State whether the owner, operator or vessel has been involved in a violation of any law of the Republic of Liberia

23. Has the vessel identified above, under its current name/flag, or any previous names/flags, had any permit or license suspended or revoked within the past three years? YES _____
NO _____

If yes, list and attach on a separate sheet of paper the circumstances surrounding each such instance and include an explanation of the current status of the suspension or revocation.

24. Attach a photograph of the vessel showing all required markings
25. Submit a copy of vessel registration documents from the Flag State
26. Submit a copy of the business registration license with proof of address in country of business registry

27. Is the vessel currently licensed to fish in other countries other than the Flag State

YES NO

If yes submit copies of all licenses currently held by the vessel

28. Submit a copy of documents detailing the VMS code
29. Does the vessel carry authorization to fish in Liberia waters from the Flag State

YES NO

If yes submit a copy of the authorization document

30. Please sign the following statement in regards to the submitted license application

I hereby confirm that all information given, furnished or maintained or required to be given, furnished or maintained in the license application for the vessel is true, complete and accurate and no such information shall be false, misleading or inaccurate.

Name:

Company:

Position:

Signature:

Date:

Appendix B Fishing License (see www.liberiafisheries.net)

APPENDIX C REPORTING FORMS FOR FISHING VESSELS IN LIBERIA

All fishing vessels operating in the Liberia EEZ, whether fishing or transiting, must transmit entry and exit reports. Vessels conducting fishing operations must further provide daily reports, and a trip completion report. Any vessels wishing to enter and offload fish in a Liberian port must provide a Port Entry report.

This information should be provided to the Liberia Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) by email to fmc@liberiafisheries.net. Report templates are provided below.

1. ZONE ENTRY AND EXIT REPORT FORM

From: *Vessel Name*

To: *Liberia Fisheries Monitoring Center*

Date:

Vessel Information:

Vessel Name	
Call Sign	
Fishing License #	
Validity	

Reported Activity:

Date	
Time of Expected Entry (GMT)	
Position of vessel (to one minute of arc)	
Intended Action (Fishing / Innocent Passage)	

Total catch tonnage on board:

Species	MT

2. DAILY REPORT FORM**From:** *Vessel Name***To:** *Liberia Fisheries Monitoring Center***Date:****Vessel Information:**

Vessel Name	
Call Sign	
Fishing License #	
Validity	

Reported Activity:

Date	
Fishing begin date	
Position (to one minute of arc)	

Total catch tonnage on board:

Species	MT

3. PORT ENTRY REPORT FORM**From:** *Vessel Name***To:** *Liberia Fisheries Monitoring Center***Date:****Vessel Information:**

Vessel Name	
Call Sign	
Fishing License #	
Validity	

Reported Activity:

Date	
Time	
Fishing begin date	
Position (to one minute of arc)	
Estimated time of entry into port (GMT)	
Port name	
Intended action	

Total catch tonnage on board:

Species	MT

4. TRIP COMPLETION REPORT FORM

From: *Vessel Name*

To: *Liberia Fisheries Monitoring Center*

Date:

Vessel Information:

Vessel Name	
Call Sign	
Fishing License #	
Validity	

Reported Activity:

Date	
Fishing begin date	
Port of unloading	

Total catch tonnage caught in Liberian EEZ unloaded:

Species	MT

